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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment with an attachment of marked up paragraphs for filing in connection with the above-identified application. Because this Preliminary Amendment is filed prior to receipt of a first office action on the merits in the above-referenced application, no fee is due. However, should it be determined that a fee for filing these papers is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1213, as stated below:

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In advance of the first examination in this case, Applicants request amendment of the subject application, as follows (a marked up copy of the amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

**IN THE RELATED APPLICATIONS**

**Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 4 - 13, with the following:**

This application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/029,570 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Shape Forming Endovascular Graft Material" by Chobotov et al., U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/029,584 entitled "Endovascular Graft Joint and Method for Manufacture" by Chobotov et al., U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/029,557 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Manufacturing an Endovascular Graft Section", by Chobotov et al. All of the above

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